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**System and Method for Catalog Administration Using Supplier Provided Flat Files**

and invented by:

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  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
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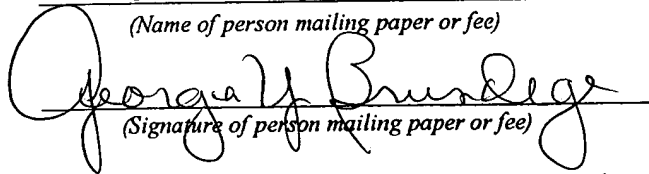
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